

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:** First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Robert Richards; Susan Marks; Marc Thorne; Charles Koons

**STAFF:** Edward Gentile, Director of Public Works; Marc McEwan, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Lieutenant Vitone, Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness

**CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p. m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Frank Kemp reported on the draft ordinance for residential blight prevention. He stated that the draft of the ordinance will be released to the RTM Rules Committee later this evening and would then be available to all.

**FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

First Selectman Stevenson asked that all present observe a moment of silence in recognition of the anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

First Selectman's Report  
Jayme Stevenson  
September 12, 2016

- I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day holiday and that the start of school, whether elementary, secondary or college, is off to a smooth start.
- 9/11 Moment of Silence  
Monuments and Ceremonies Commission ceremony at our town 9/11 Memorial behind MMS  
Voices of 9/11 – Remembrance, Renewal, Resilience
- This weekend was just one example of how great our community is. In addition to the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, I want to thank the Darien Fire Fighters Foundation for Lobsters for Ladders, the Darien Boat Club annual gathering, the Community Fund of Darien's 37<sup>th</sup> annual road race and the Darien Land Trust's Woods Trail Discovery Day in Selleck's Woods.

- On Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the following promotions in the Darien Police Department:  
     Captain – Ray Osborne  
     Lieutenants – Robert Shredders and Thomas (TJ) White  
     Sergeants – Andrew Mastroianni and Sam Boccuzzi
- On Wednesday, August 31, I was honored to participate in International Overdose Awareness Day in Stamford. I'm very pleased to announce that right here in Darien we have a brand new and extremely hopeful treatment opportunity provided through collaboration with the Life Solutions Center of Darien and Dr. Joseph Russo, founder and CEO of Saved From Addiction. The treatment couples the FDA's newly approved Probuphine implant (6 months per implant) with wrap around psycho/social services to support individuals struggling with addiction for up to potentially 2 years. Anyone wanting more information should contact Maud Purcell at the Life Solutions Center of Darien. Information is also posted on the Town and Police websites. Chief Lovello, his staff and I are very pleased to have a viable, outpatient treatment option available for referral as needed.
- Congratulations to Nancy Herling who has taken the helm of Post 53 and introduced to the public at an open house on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with you and your staff Nancy.
- Our contract with Stamford EMS has been finalized and is scheduled to go into service on October 3, 2016. We are working with the Planning and Zoning Commission on a Special Application to allow 701 Post Road to serve as our Medic Station.
- Planning and Zoning has issued a favorable CGS 8-24 mandatory referral report for the proposed permanent lights at Darien High School. The Board of Education is expected to file an application to PZ within the next two weeks with a public hearing anticipated for mid to late October.
- Dick DiDonna has stepped down from the Planning and Zoning Commission. We want to thank Dick for his service to the town and wish him and his wife well on their new life in Florida.
- This evening, Sarah Seelye is stepping down from her position in the RTM. Sarah, you have raised the bar of information gathering, sharing and transparency within the RTM and you and your good spirit and humor will be missed by all, but by me most especially. I'm so grateful for the spirit of collaboration that exists between boards, commissions and the RTM due to your leadership.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Buch reported that the demonstration of OpenGov is tomorrow night. Ms. Buch stated that the new Human Resources Director started this morning. Next meeting there would be a discussion of parking issues, with potentially a public hearing in October to address changes in rates and stiffer penalties for illegal transfers of permits.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Update from Director of Emergency Preparedness**

Mr. Marc McEwan stated that the Code Red Program is working well. There are about 15,000 phone numbers that are registered with the program. It works best when the updates provided are for emergency situations, and are not sending out unnecessary information.

Mr. McEwan stated that he worked with the Darien Arts Center and Maplewood on written emergency plans. Maplewood relies on a national plan, but they do not customize it to our local area beyond calling 911. The State of Connecticut has come out with their updated emergency preparation. The template that we have is very close to what the state released.

Mr. McEwan reported on the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program application. He stated that the maximum allocation for the town of Darien this year will be \$10,665. He discussed the value of the grant compared to the costs and requirements imposed by receipt of the grant. He reviewed the courses that Emergency Management Directors and staff must complete as well as the exercises and real world events that must be completed each year.

### **Discuss and Take Action to Authorize the First Selectman to Apply for the Emergency Management Performance Grant**

First Selectman Stevenson read the following motion:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection acting through the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Management and Homeland Security can make grants available for municipal emergency operations centers, staffing and other emergency management activities, of which the Town of Darien is eligible; and

WHEREAS, grants are intended to increase operational capability through the funding of personnel and administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has applied for, and been awarded, funding in the past for part-time Emergency Management Director Marc McEwan; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Board of Selectmen wish to continue to secure State funding to support emergency management operations in the town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Darien Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary and appropriate; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jayme J. Stevenson, as First Selectman of the Town of Darien, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things she deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

- \*\* MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**
- \*\* MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Contingency Transfer**

From Contingency to Public Works Solid Waste Disposal – Professional Services \$15,000

Mr. Gentile stated that this transfer is necessary in order to procure new software for the sale of Transfer Station permits as well as to retain the assistance of an IT company to provide support for the e-commerce service and to manage our data bases once they are upgraded.

- \*\* MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER.**
- \*\* MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Intra-department Transfer**

From Public Works Electricity to Public Works Street Light Maintenance - \$15,000

Mr. Gentile stated that upon acquisition of street lights from Tanko Streetlighting, the town will be responsible for maintaining the street lighting system. The funds requested are needed to cover expenses for the remainder of FY17.

- \*\* MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPOROVE THE TRANSFER.**
- \*\* MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Discuss and Take Action on the reappointment of Vic Capellupo to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for the term of 7-1-16 to 6-30-19**

- \*\* MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT.**
- \*\* MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Discuss and Take Action on the appointment of Landon Reesor to the Human Services Commission for the term ending 11-30-16 and subsequent reappointment for the term ending 11-30-19**

- \*\* MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT.**
- \*\* MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Buch stated that Solid Waste Fees will need a public hearing. Mr. Richards stated that he wants to revisit the portable parking idea.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **Executive Session of August 24, 2016**

- \*\* MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MONUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF AUGUST 24, 2016.**
- \*\* MR. KOONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Regular Meeting of August 24, 2016**

- \*\* MR. RICHARDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2016.**
- \*\* MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

September 13, 2016 Board of Finance – OpenGov Demo 7:00 pm  
September 13, 2016 Board of Finance 7:30 pm  
September 19, 2016 Board of Selectmen 7:00 pm  
September 20, 2016 Board of Education 7:30 pm  
September 26, 2015 Representative Town Meeting 8:00 pm  
October 4, 2016 Department Heads 8:30 am  
October 4, 2016 Board of Selectmen immediately following Department Heads meeting

### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:24 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services  
Town of Darien  
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